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SUBJ: DEPSEC VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

REF COLOMBO 830

1. MDFA DIRGEN MENDIS HAS CALLED TO SAY THAT PM NOW FINDS IT POSSIBLE BE BACK IN COLOMBO APRIL 20 TO RECEIVE DEPSEC RUSH AND YOURSELF IF YOU COULD REARRANGE SCHEDULE TO BE HERE THAT DATE. MENDIS SAID PM WAS EAGER TO MEET PARTY AND DID NOT WISH LET OPPORTUNITY PASS. SHE WOULD THEREFORE BE WILLING CUT SHORT HER APRIL 14-22 TRIP AROUND THE COUNTRY SPECIALLY FOR THAT PURPOSE. MENDIS ASKED THAT FOREGOING BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU IMMEDIATELY.

2. COMMENT: I RECOGNIZE MANY POSTS AND PROBLEMS ARE INVOLVED IN COMPLICATED SCHEDULE YOU ARE UNDERTAKING, BUT IF THERE IS ANY WAY TO WORK THINGS OUT SO THAT YOU COULD BE IN COLOMBO ON APRIL 20, I WOULD OF COURSE MOST STRONGLY FAVOR IT.

3. STATE 61758 JUST RECEIVED. PM'S EFFORT RE APRIL 20 IS PRESUMABLY RESULT OF AMB KANAKARATNE'S PERSONAL APPEAL. VAN HOLLEN

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